#### Office of the Vice President for Economic Development

# Connecting the Dots: Ports, Logistics, and Economic Development

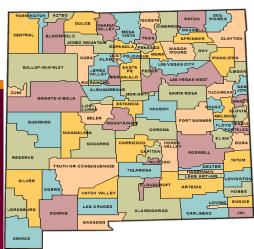
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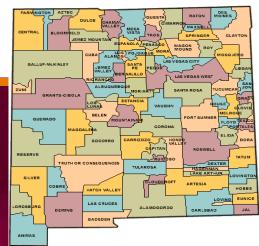
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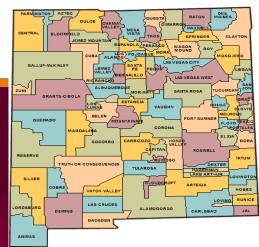
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In 1992, the New Mexico Legislature adopted the Border Development Act (BDA), which authorized the creation of the New Mexico Border Authority







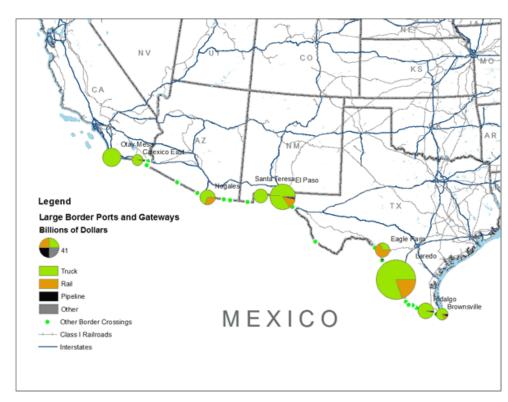
#### William Garcia

Bill Garcia . . . is a retired businessman with experience in the telecommunications and computer chip manufacturing field. . . . Mr. Garcia served as the New Mexico secretary of economic development from 1991–94.



#### Tour of Three Border Crossings

- Laredo Nuevo Laredo
- Otay Mesa
- And then this other place





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And then this other place
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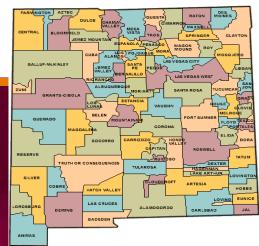
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A legitimate *inland port* will typically have the following characteristics:

- Market proximity to at least 3 million people within 200 miles.
- A major, direct connection to an American seaport via a Class I railroad. This rail corridor forms the "stem" of the coastal port/inland port barbell, as dedicated container trains—often comprising upwards of 250 double-stack cars—run steadily between the two locations. Some inland ports primarily serve one corresponding seaport, using one Class I railroad.
- FTZ status and privileges.





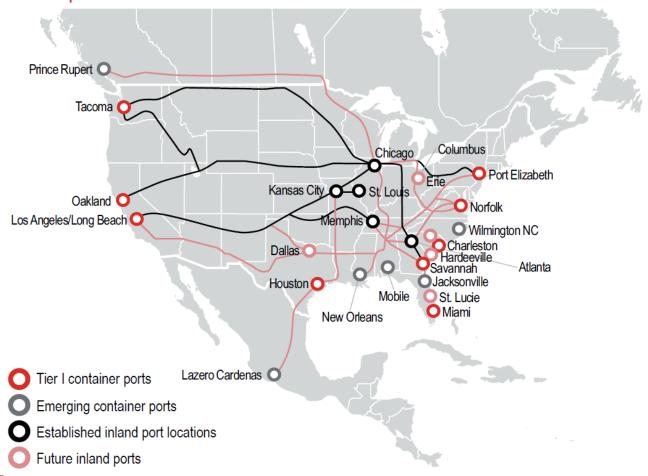
A legitimate *inland port* will typically have the following characteristics (continued):

- An abundance of reasonably priced labor and commercial real estate for warehousing and distribution, relative to the East and West Coasts.
- An overall governing body, or at least a consortium of stakeholders collaborating in a cohesive management plan for the overall effectiveness of the inland port.
- A state and local government climate that is enthusiastic about inland port development, and willing to offer strong incentives to participants





#### Inland port connections





#### Alliance, Texas: The pioneer

Beginning in the mid-1990s, a private developer, in cooperation with local and state authorities, launched the Alliance Global Logistics Hub, considered the *grandfather of U.S. inland ports*. It is strategically located at the juncture of . . . rail lines, and Interstate 35, which crosses the United States from Canada to Mexico. Besides the capabilities of . . . Intermodal Facility, the area is served by . . . dedicated industrial aviation, it has ranked as the top U.S. Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ), inventory tax exemption . . . third-party logistics and workforce recruitment services, as well.





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Such features have attracted 243 companies, including 50 Fortune 500 firms, to open facilities in the Alliance area. The development wisely takes care of not just business, but the personal needs of those who work there. Its . . . acres include not just warehousing and distribution facilities, but almost 8,000 single-family homes and apartments. . . . (it's) master-planned community was ranked as the nation's most affluent by *Forbes* magazine





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#### Development statistics

- \$7.35 billion invested
- \$40.65 billion economic impact
- 31.8 million+ SF developed
- 290 corporate residents
- 50+ companies listed on the Fortune 500, Global
   500 or Forbes' List of Top Private Firms
- 30,000+ employees
- 7,700+ homes built
- Fastest growing area of the nation's fastest growing metropolitan city





#### Walmart: At the hub, in the heartland

Walmart's . . . distribution facility near Chicago in Joliet, Ill., is . . . the number one tenant at CenterPoint Intermodal Center, which bills itself as the largest master-planned inland port in North America. Imported containers are carried in unit trains of . . . containers primarily from West Coast ports . . . to an intermodal park, then trucked . . . to the Walmart

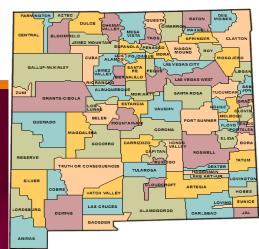
The message: Logistics advantages and connectivity often will more than offset real estate costs when selecting an inland port distribution site.

facility, all within the CenterPoint property.

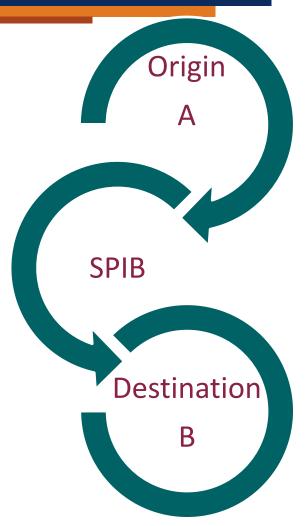


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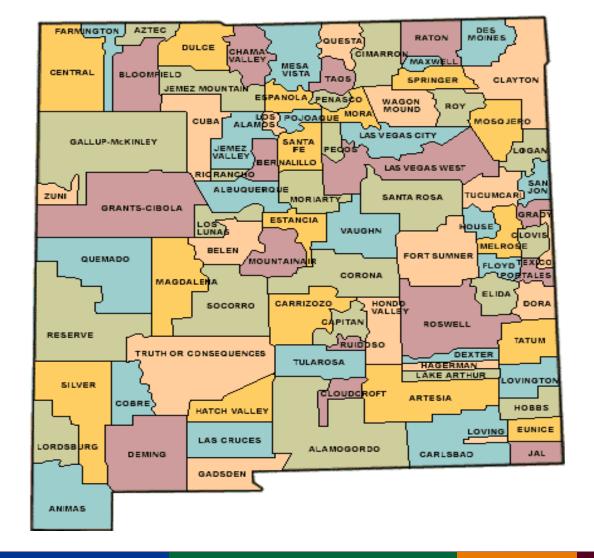














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